Name of CMD	Period		Inland Tour Rupees) (In	Foreign Tour Tour	Remarks
1996-97	1.4:96 To 31.3.97		83,158/-	1,16,312/-	ONE VISIT
MAJ GEN. NARESH VIJ					
1997-98	1.4.97 To 31.8.97		50,467/-	—	
MAJ GEN. NARESH VIJ					
SH. NIRANJAN SINHA	1.9.97 To 31.3.98		60,209/-	—	

Merger or BICP with Tariff Commission

2798. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased fo state:

(a) what is the rationale behind the proposal to merge Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices with the Tariff Commission; and

(b) whether the proposal will stimulate industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) and (b) Since 1991, the Government has been moving away from price control and administered prices regime and The Tariff Commission has been set up in this context of economic liberalisation to advise the Government on tariff and tariff related issues. The marger of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) with the Tariff Commission is being proposed in order to draw upon the expertise developed by the BICP over the years in the areas of technology, economic analysis, finance and cost accountancy in furtherance of the emerging requirements.

Agreement of MUL with Suzuki Motor Company

2799. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of recent agreement entered into between the Government of India and Suzuki Motor Company;

(b) whether it is *s* fact that Maruti employees have decided to go on strike on 6th July, 1998 in protest of the said agreement; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) The main terms of the Memorandum of Understanding and Settlement signed on 6.6.98 are:

1. The terms of the present MD Shri RSSLN Bhaskarudu will be upto the end of 31.12.1999 and from 1.1.2000, Shri Jagdish Khattar, Executive Director, MUL would be appointed as MD.

2. The nominee of SMC will be appointed as Chairman of MUL.

3. In future, all appointments of Chairman and Managing Director either by GOI or SMC will be only in consultation and with the concurrence of the other party.

(b) and (c) MUL has informed that they have received a notice for strike on 11.7.98 from the MUL Employees Union and the Management of MUL is